

Town of Maynard
MAYNARD HISTORICAL COMMISSION SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 17, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Jack MacKeen at 7pm via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jack MacKeen, Ellen Duggan, Lee Caras, Brion Berghaus and Ann Gibson.
MEMBERS ABSENT: Paul Boothroyd, Priscilla Sandberg, John Courville, and Paul Lesage.

DISCUSSION ITEMS: To discuss and decide on possible projects for funding by the Town's Community Preservation Committee in preparation for the 9/27/21 application deadline [EXHIBIT].

Ellen, our rep to the CPC led the discussion.

- 1 - Alumni Field House restoration (in partnership with the schools). All felt the School Committee was not ready to commit to this large project.
- 2 - Additional work on MACRIS: updates, corrections, and additions. All felt that this would be an important project this year.
- 3 - The 12:10 whistle: Ellen will try to locate the original 1903 whistle and review the condition of the 1968 replacement. It was decided that there will not be a funding application for restoration this year.
- 4 - The Commission decided not to hire a consultant for a National Register designation process for a Maynard property. Our former consultant, Kathy Broomer, advised the Commission to consider initiating the process itself.
- 5 - Digitization of all Town records, including birth, marriage, death, Glenwood Cemetery, property, etc. All agreed that this project should seek CPC funding. Ellen reported that the Town Clerk, Joanna Bilotta, is also in favor of this project.
- 6 - The Sanctuary's tower, bell and organ restoration (a private property). Jack reported that the owner, Will Doyle, is ambivalent about a project that would result in a preservation restriction on the property. Ann suggested that the organ be considered separately from the tower and bell. It was decided that funding consideration for The Sanctuary was premature. Lee said that evaluating the status of the organ, as well as all of the other Maynard church organs, would be a good project in the future.
- 7 - Restoration of Ice House Landing building foundations (2). Jack spoke in favor of the project; Ellen was in favor of restoring the one to the right as you face the Assabet River. The Commission decided to pursue funding for the one on the right.
- 8 - The Rice Tavern foundation. This is owned by FEMA, which makes restoration a complex project that the Commission will not pursue at this time.
- 9 - [ADDED to the EXHIBIT list]: Restoration of the five Town boundary corner markers. The Commission will not pursue this project now.

Ellen will do the CPC preliminary applications for Ice House Landing and the Town records Digitization projects, the latter with Joanna Bilotta. Lee will do the preliminary application for additional MACRIS work.

OTHER: Member/public comments and items

Commission participation in the Town's Sesquicentennial Parade on September 19 was discussed. Jack reported that Maynard's Leapin' Leena trick car was being rebuilt by Bill Goddard.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.

